

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, there are 222,000 licensed Nurse Practitioners in the United States, including Vermont, providing primary, acute and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners (NPs) are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who have advanced clinical education and training building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners diagnose, treat and prescribe medications and other treatments to patients through a caring, patient-centered, holistic model of care; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our state and nation have great trust in the high-quality care nurse practitioners provide, resulting in more than 870 million patient visits annually to NP's across the country; and

WHEREAS, five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by nurse practitioners; and

WHEREAS, 21 states and the District of Columbia have implemented Full Practice Authority for nurse practitioners, granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by these health care providers; and

WHEREAS, better utilization of nurse practitioners through modernized state laws and improved system policies creates a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher quality health care system; and

WHEREAS, leading governmental and policy entities including the National Academy of Medicine, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, National Governors Association and Federal Trade Commission have taken notice of the benefits of nurse practitioner Full Practice Authority and have endorsed such a regulatory model; and

WHEREAS, Vermont is proud to recognize and honor the service of nurse practitioners to our state;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2016 as



NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 8th day of November, A.D. 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor